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**Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Special Meeting**

**January 15, 2015**

**1. Welcome and Roll Call**

**Chief Anthony Pesare called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) at 10:07 a.m. on January 15, 2015 at RI Municipal Police Training Academy, Lincoln, RI.**

**Chief Pesare asked Donna Lavallee to take a roll call. The following POST members were present: Chief Anthony Pesare, Chief Edward Mello and Captain Joseph Philbin. Absent from the meeting today is Colonel Steven O'Donnell; however, he has designed Captain Philbin to vote on his behalf, Chief Palmer and Shawn Brown. Chief Pesare**

stated a quorum is met. Also present were Lieutenant Scott Raynes, David Ricciarelli, Mr. Richard B. Woolley, Danica Iacoi, and Donna Lavallee.

2. Request from Chief Leo Messier, RI Airport Corporation, requesting the approval for a three-year waiver regarding Thomas Marcello (ret. Lieutenant-East Greenwich P.D.

Chief Pesare stated that Chief Messier could not be present this morning as his father passed away. He has received a letter from Chief Messier requesting approval for a three-year waiver. Also included in his packet to the POST is Lt. Marcello's Certificate of Graduation from the Academy and a letter from Colonel Stephen Brown of the East Greenwich Police Department.

Chief Mello stated that he does not believe he needs a waiver of the three-year ruling because as a Special Officer for East Greenwich, he has continued his training without a break in service. Lieutenant Raynes stated that East Greenwich is unique in the fact that they can work details and fill in on patrol as well. Mr. Woolley suggested to be cautious if you do grant the waiver and to be specific so this does not set a precedent. Ms. Iacoi also suggested that you must answer Chief Messier's question as to whether or not he is still POST-certified. Captain Philbin agreed that there has been no break in service, therefore, no waiver approval is necessary.

Chief Mello made a motion to inform Chief Leo Messier that the POST views (retired Lieutenant) Thomas Marcella as a certified Police Officer; therefore, no waiver is needed. Captain Philbin seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.

### **3. Discussion on Certification of (ret) N.K. Officer Ann M. Cunningham.**

Lieutenant Raynes explained that Officer Ann Cunningham was a graduate from the Police Academy in 1988 and a recent retiree of the North Kingstown Police Department. She is seeking employment with Brown University. Brown University has their police identifications signed off by the Commissioner of D.P.S. and Colonel O'Donnell is reluctant to sign this one due to the fact that there is no Graduation Certification in the file. Officer Cunningham cannot locate it and the North Kingstown Police Department does not have a copy. The Academy records have detailed information as to her attendance and graduation and there is a letter in the file from Chief Mulligan attesting to her years of service with N.K. and her good standing. Chief Pesare made a motion that Ann M. Cunningham's Certification be re-issued by the Academy and signed by himself, Colonel O'Donnell and Lieutenant Raynes and therefore, her packet will be complete. Chief Mello seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.

### **3 Adjournment**

Chief Mello made a motion to adjourn the January 15, 2015 POST meeting and Captain Philbin seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Donna M. Lavallee**

**Administrative Assistant**